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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hiroki KANNO et al.

Title: IMAGE PROCESSING
APPARATUS AND IMAGE
PROCESSING METHOD

Appl. No.: 09/314,172

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to further examination, please consider the following amendments and comments.

for you Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

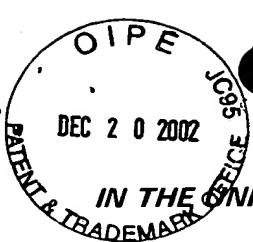
Please cancel claims 8 and 10-17 without prejudice or disclaimer.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121, please substitute for claims 1, 9 and 18, the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked Up Version Showing Changes Made."

1. (Twice Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

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reading means for reading a document and providing image data on the document as first image data;

image processing means for processing the first image data provided by the reading means;



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CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)
REQUEST TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents
Box CPA
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), Continued Prosecution Application (CPA), for a:

Continuation

Divisional

application of the above-identified prior nonprovisional application of:

Hiroki KANNO
Gaku TAKANO

in which no payment of issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this CPA.

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

Please enter the unentered amendment previously filed on ___ in the prior application.

Please enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

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Enclosed are:

- Small Entity statement.
- Information Disclosure Statement.
- Form PTO-1449 with copies of ??? listed reference(s).
- Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76).

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Fee Totals
Basic Fee				\$740.00	\$740.00
Total Claims:	9	-	20	= 0	x \$18.00 = \$0.00
Independents:	2	-	3	= 0	x \$84.00 = \$0.00
If any Multiple Dependent Claim(s) present:				+ \$280.00	= \$0.00
				SUBTOTAL:	= \$740.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract 1/2 of above):					
				TOTAL FILING FEE:	= \$740.00
Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) for suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(b):				+ \$130.00	= \$0.00
				TOTAL FEE	= \$740.00

- Applicant requests suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(b) (fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) enclosed).
- A check in the amount of \$740.00 to cover the filing fee and the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- The required filing fees are not enclosed but will be submitted in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date December 20, 2002

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